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Invention: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR CONTROLLING IMAGE QUALITY

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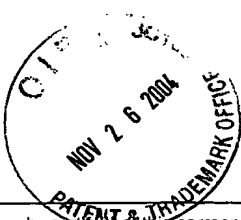
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 22, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.